

# TANEY COUNTY REPUBLICAN

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## CASH PRIZES.

### Ten Thousands Dollars For Platform

#### Suggestion by Young Republicans.

Through the Republican National Committee, Mr. Truman Beal, former United States Minister to Persia and an ardent republican who has the best interests of his party at heart, offers cash prizes aggregating \$10,000 for the best platform suggestions by young Republicans—men or women 25 years of age and under—in the county.

A first prize of \$6,000 will be given for the best manuscript received; \$3,000 for the second best and \$1,000 for the third.

Manuscripts are limited to 6,000 words and must be addressed to Walker Blaine Beale Contest, Republican National Committee, 923 Woodward Building Washington D. C. Four typewritten copies must be submitted, one only of the number being signed.

To the Young Men and Women of America: The Republican National Committee wishes to express its gratitude to Mr. Truman Beale for his historic suggestion. The Committee urges the popular participation in the coming national election and is eager for the co-operation of the younger men and women of the nation, so many thousands of whom did their all in the late war.

The Republican Party shall continue to be the instrument in this country to apply to new and changing conditions the wisdom of experience and the efficacy of an honest, zealous service. The delegates to the national convention will be glad of the opportunity to study the proposed platforms submitted by the young voters of the land.

We suggest that you adhere to the following rules of the prize contest:

1. Submit four typewritten copies of your manuscript. Sign only one. Write on one side of the paper.
2. Manuscripts must not exceed six thousand words.
3. Send all manuscripts to Walker Blaine Beale Contest, Division of Young Voters, Republican National Committee, 923 Woodward Bldg., Washington, D. C.
4. All manuscripts must be in judges' hands not later than March 31, 1920.
5. Announcement of prize winners will be made prior to the opening of the Republican National Convention in 1920.

#### REPUBLICAN NATIONAL COMMITTEE

The following committee has been selected to pass judgment on the manuscripts. Dr. David Jayne Hill, Dr. Nicholas Murray Butler, and the Hon. Albert J. Beveridge.

#### Your Navy Button Ready

The officer in charge of the recruiting station at St. Louis is in receipt of word from the Navy Department that a shipment of victory buttons is being forwarded to him for distribution to men residing in the state of Missouri who have been honorably discharged from the naval service.

The proper procedure to follow in obtaining one of these buttons is to forward the discharge to the Navy Recruiting Station, Calumet Building, St. Louis and request that a button be forwarded. All requests for buttons will be handled in the order in which they are received and it is hoped to supply the entire Missouri district within a short time.

Men of the naval reserve force on inactive duty should make application for their victory buttons to the Commandant, 9-10-11th Naval Districts, Great Lakes, Ill. as the St. Louis recruiting office is not authorized to furnish buttons to members of the reserve force. Upon the receipt of discharges an endorsement will be placed on them that a victory button has been issued and the button and discharge returned to the applicant.

## ROZELL AND SMITH FOUND GUILTY

Smith Given 15 Years,  
Rozell 10 Years in the Penitentiary

After being out all night the jury in the case State vs. Pres Rozell and Ibe Smith, charged with the murder of Abner Holcomb, returned a verdict of guilty of murder in the second degree and assessed the penalty at 15 years imprisonment for Smith and 10 years for Rozell. An appeal was taken to the supreme court and Smith was released on a \$10,000 bond and Rozell on \$7,500.

Monday morning Judge Stewart began to hear the case of the State vs. Rozell and Smith charged with the murder of Abner Holcomb on the fifth of last August.

The prosecution was conducted by Prosecuting Attorney Adams, D. F. McConkey, and G. Pund Hays, while the defense was represented by Judge John T. Moore, Tom Moore, L. F. Bearden, and Clarence Hill. The jurors were: C. A. Clark, Gus Bisplinghoff, E. L. Weatherman, Otto Morton, E. H. Crum, W. A. Boyles, E. F. Fronberger, G. M. Watt, J. C. Ellison, C. S. Clayton, Henry Davis, and J. E. Gibson.

The defense showed by its questions to the prospective jurors that it was very anxious to find out the attitude of each man as to the weight he would give to a dying declaration.

The prosecution based its case on the dying statement of Abner Holcomb as retold by Rebecca Holcomb his wife and Sis Bray his daughter. The defense contended admission was improper, denying Holcomb knew he was dying, also contending that deceased was an unbeliever and therefore his statement was not competent. After dismissing the jury and hearing the matter Judge Stewart decided the dying declaration should be admitted so far as it referred to the actual assault but ruling out other details.

Rozell claimed he had nothing to do with the killing of Abner Holcomb—merely looked on and held Smith's horse while the latter shot and threw stones. They both claimed that Holcomb began the attack by throwing stones.

The defense attempted to prove the good reputations of the defendants and the evil reputation of Abner Holcomb.

The prosecution then attempted to show the good reputation of Abner Holcomb both in Kentucky and in Taney county.

Smith claimed self defense in that Holcomb had made threats against the lives of both, and both said they saw something that looked like a gun standing at some distance away against the fence.

A gun was found close by the dead man when the neighbors came to help carry him home. The wife and children of the dead man testified he had no gun with him that day but that after finding their father shot and hearing his story, Andrew had gone to the house for the gun and left it with the younger brother on guard while he went for help to get his father home.

The testimony was all before the jury by 9:30 o'clock Wednesday morning. After a brief recess the lawyers began their pleas before the jury, Attorney Adams beginning for the state, followed by Judge Moore for the defense, then by L. F. Bearden. After dinner D. F. McConkey resumed the plea of the prosecution, followed by Clarence Hill and Tom Moore for the defense. G. Pund Hays closed for the state.

The case was given to the jury with the instructions of the court at about 3:30 Wednesday afternoon.

We expect to give more detailed information next week.

#### In Complete Accord.

"Did you ever try to lay down the law to your wife?" "Yes," declared Mr. Meekton. "Did you get by with it?" "I did. After I had agreed to all the amendments she demanded she was perfectly satisfied to do as I said."

## The Star Trail

By ISOLA FORRESTER

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If Walt had not been young and trusting he'd never have answered the advertisement, but when you've spent your life in western Nebraska, personally conducting squads of cattle from range to railroad station, and thereafter riding with them and punching them into submission to an all-wise Providence, you're apt to be in a receptive condition for romance.

Walt was. From the first day when he found the advertisement he knew the star path his feet must tread. He was sitting on a baggage truck in the cool shadow of the Three Bears express office, peacefully sleeping. Runty, the agent, laid over his face a copy of the Omaha Eagle. When Walt awakened his glance wandered idly over its want columns. It was down among the "Personals." Walt read it over carefully at first, then carefully, looking up once to gaze at the demure but forbidding face behind the telegraph office window. Then he read over the ad again.

WANTED—YOUNG EASTERN WIDOW, blonde, twenty-four, wishes to correspond with western ranchman, not over thirty. Object matrimony.

He held the newspaper firmly in both hands. There was no reason why he should not answer the appeal. He didn't have a ranch all his own, but Bill and he had been good partners with the Triple Star outfit. The house wasn't so bad—three rooms and a lean-to. He'd fix it up for her, chuck all the old clutter he and Bill had put up with, and send up a load of mail-order honeymoon things for her to make her know she was welcome.

Here Walt took a second look at the unfriendly face at the window, but the girl never turned her head or noticed his existence. Presently he sauntered around into the station doorway and leaned over the little partition at the ticket office. Could he have a telegraph blank, please? Cherry did not glance up at all, just passed one to him coldly. He spent half an hour writing his message, took a long drink from the water cooler and handed the telegram to her to count up.

"Send it off any time it's handy," he remarked, trying to be nonchalant also. Cherry ran her pencil over it.

Dear Madam: Seeing your ad in Omaha Eagle I am hereby presenting myself with honorable intentions. Have 32-acre ranch in partnership with one Bill Owens. No money in bank, but credit hereabouts as with mail-order firms. Height six foot one inch; weight 160. If satisfactory will write fast. Wantena, Neb.

WALTER K. RAMSDALL.

"Night message?" asked Cherry pleasantly, as she drew her pencil through "Dear Madam."

Walt resented her air of aloofness and lack of curiosity. He hauled out a pigskin wallet and extracted a yellow bill.

"Send it now and get it there this afternoon. I don't care what it costs. Any corrections to suggest?"

Cherry's blue eyes looked him over slowly, in one sweeping summary of his apparent shortcomings as an ideal suitor, and shook her head gravely, with a certain little curl to her short upper lip. Some months previously she had been courted assiduously by Mr. Ramsdall, and being the only attractive and desirable girl in a radius of forty miles she had failed to take his offer at its proper valuation. Walt waited grimly until she had dispatched the message, then rode away with a new aggressive tilt to his hat and a sinking feeling in his heart at the desperate step he had taken.

In the days of waiting for his answer he haunted the telegraph office. Cherry was likewise postmistress, and Bill warned him of his danger.

"It's just as dangerous hanging around some female you've been once attached to as it is getting measles the second time. I wouldn't put it past Cherry a bit to try and get ahead of the eastern widow and think she's doing something mighty smart."

But Cherry held serenely to her own course of action. Instead of being

## Republican Committee Meeting

Monday evening the County Republican Committee met with Geo. Easterday, Branson; Geo. Gross, Newton; also proxy for H. R. Holliday, Oliver, and Geo. Gann, Big Creek, present. They proceeded to fill the existing vacancies by electing the following from their respective townships: J. F. Melton Beaver; E. L. Weatherman, Jasper; J. N. Holliday, Cedar Creek; J. R. Gideon, Swar; Claud Hunt, Scott. The committee then organized by electing Joe Gideon as Chairman and Otto Wolf Secretary.

The following resolutions were adopted, after which the committee adjourned, subject to call of the chairman.

The Republican County Central committee of Taney county, Missouri, being now in regular session, does consider and resolve as follows:

Whereas, the selection of candidates for positions affecting the districts of which Taney county is an integral part are now coming prominently before the people; and

Whereas, we have within our county candidates for some of these positions; therefore, be it

Resolved, that we most heartily endorse the candidacy of Capt. Guy B. Mitchell for the Republican nomination for senator of the 19th senatorial district of Missouri, and recommend his candidacy for such position to the other counties in said district because of his fitness for such position and in recognition of his service in the medical corps of our Government, and also his faithful and satisfactory service in the legislature of Missouri for two terms; and further, be it

Resolved, that we endorse the candidacy of D. F. McConkey, of Forsyth, Missouri, for the position of delegate to the Republican National Convention to be held in the coming year 1920, and recommend his candidacy to the other counties of said district because of his long and continued loyalty to the Republican party and his fitness for said position.

"Unitania" is thought to be the best word yet received by the World Trade Club of San Francisco in competition for its prize of \$1,000 for the very best word to name U. S. America and all parts of Britannia. The prize of one thousand dollars will be paid at noon on May 15, 1920, at San Francisco, and will be presented to the person suggesting the best name. This name is now being used by the World Trade Club in carrying on its campaign for Unitanian metric standardization.

scornful she became sympathetic and rather remorseful. When she found Walt poring painfully over a mail-order catalogue that guaranteed to furnish a honeymoon equipment at such per room she added him instead of laughing. Walt found himself deferring to her taste in snowflake curtains and golden oak sideboards. I was Cherry who suggested cutting out the photograph and putting in a studio willow set instead, and a low book case. Walt hesitated over a red velvet set.

"It isn't becoming to blondes," she said thoughtfully.

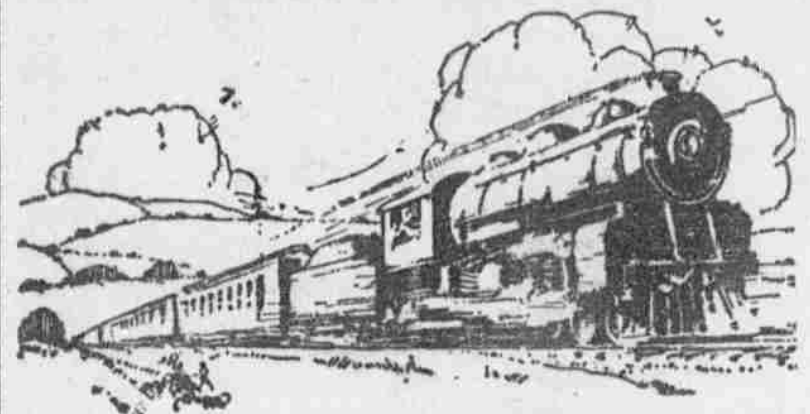
Walt's gaze traveled to Cherry's brown, short curls and wide, brown eyes, alert as a squirrel's, and for one instant he thought of how she would look surrounded by the studio willow set. He leaned over the little wooden barrier between them eagerly, forgetful of windows.

"It's awfully good of you to tend to all this stuff for me, Cherry. I'd never thought of that fireless cooker or the washing machine or that line of things. You know there wasn't any real reason why we didn't—well, didn't get married ourselves, only you seemed unwilling."

Cherry's bowed head gave no sign of attention; she was getting the signal for the incoming train on the eastern track.

"Cherry, girl"—Walt felt all caution leave him suddenly. "I ain't any hand at delivering speeches, but I can't stand it, seeing you here day after day. You're just the only girl in the world for me."

Cherry swung past him with the mail pouch over her shoulder, laughing softly, her eyes filled with mischief. After the express had passed on, and he carried in the new pouch, he helped her while she sorted the mail, humming to herself, not a love song but one of the range-riders' ballads he had taught her.



Out of accumulated capital have arisen all the successes of industry and applied science, all the comforts and amenities of the common lot. Upon it the world must depend for the process of reconstruction to which all have to share. —JAMES J. HILL.

## The Successful Farmer Raises Bigger Crops

and cuts down costs by investment in labor-saving machinery.

Good prices for the farmers' crops encourage new investment, more production and greater prosperity.

But the success of agriculture depends on the growth of railroads—the modern beasts of burden that haul the crops to the world's markets.

The railroads—like the farms—increase their output and cut down unit costs by the constant investment of new capital.

With fair prices for the work they do, the railroads are able to attract new capital for expanding their facilities.

Rates high enough to yield a fair return will insure railroad growth, and prevent costly traffic congestion, which invariably results in poorer service at higher cost.

National wealth can increase only as our railroads grow.

Poor railroad service is dear at any price. No growing country can long pay the price of inadequate transportation facilities.

This advertisement is published by the Association of Railway Executives

Those desiring information concerning the railroad situation may obtain literature by writing to The Association of Railway Executives, 61 Broadway, New York.

And suddenly she paused, holding in her hand a letter addressed to Mr. Walter K. Ramsdall. There was also a larger and promising catalogue for him. He opened them dubiously, but with a grim determination to his mouth and jaw. Cherry read the letter over his shoulder.

Dear Correspondent: We were much pleased to receive your wire, and would refer you to our catalogue, hoping you may find a suitable object for your affections. Trusting to receive your valued order at an early date, we are, Sincerely yours, MEYER & HOBBS.

Walt lifted a baffled face to Cherry, and she laughed.

"I knew you'd get one. Lots of the boys have answered that ad."

"And you let me send that telegram?" he demanded.

"I wanted to have you ride over often, Walt, so I could see you," she whispered. "And I did choose the willow set, you know."

## DROP THE TERM "WOODLOT"

Government Authorities Favor the Word "Woodland" When Used in Reference to Farm Forestry.

The increased interest in private forestry, particularly with reference to farm forestry, has brought about the general acceptance of the term "woodland" or "woods" instead of the original one of "woodlot," according to the forest service.

A large proportion of the woodland in the eastern United States is in irregularly shaped tracts, spreading out over ridges, ravines, slopes, swamps, and poor lands, whereas "woodlot" carries the idea of a small-sized, regularly shaped, and, in a large section of the country, fenced tract. When applied to the large or irregularly shaped tracts, it is obvious that the

word inadequately describes the conditions. "Woodlot" probably originated in New England and seems fairly well established there. So long as only conditions like those in New England were considered, "woodlot" was accepted as adequate, but in the last few years farm forestry has been developing rapidly throughout the country.

"Woodland" and "woods" are more satisfactory, more expressive, and avoid the possibility of creating confusion in the minds of the people over most sections of the country where the word "woodlots" has never been in local use.

#### Cleaning Your Plow.

Many plows, even those that have been well covered with oil or axle grease, fail to scour readily when first taken into the field. The following method is being used by many farmers to overcome the inconvenience attending the use of a plow that fails to clean off quickly: The plow is taken to the nearby branch or creek and drawn a few times through the sand or gravel beds that invariably are found along water courses. It usually takes but a few turns to cut off the rust or hardened grease. Under no circumstances does the sand stick to the plow, no matter how rusty it may be; and if the gravel does not contain large stones the plow will not be dulled.

#### Triumph of Modern Ingenuity.

A common nail is an excellent illustration of the difference between old and new methods. Formerly the metal was cut into strips and then forged into shape with hammers. Today they are made of steel and are lighter and stronger. Strips are cut with steam shears and fed into automatic nail machines.